

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs 0015 and 0020 of the Specification as indicated below.

[0015] This object is achieved in accordance with the invention by a time-triggered communication system ~~as claimed in claim 1~~. The having a single-channel architecture ~~described therein means that in which~~ each of the two channels is driven, at one or more nodes of the time-controlled communication system of a dual-channel network, by a communication controller assigned to it. If two communication controllers operate in parallel at one node, i.e. in each case one communication controller is assigned to one of two channels, on which redundant information is transmitted which is compared by recipients, it is essential that the data are transmitted so as to be in temporal conformity, since it cannot be ensured that the two local clocks of the two communication controllers are synchronous. For this reason, in accordance with the invention, upon starting the transmission system, the state of one communication controller is transmitted to the other, so that one data bus is started, and if necessary stopped again, in dependence upon the other. In the communication system in accordance with the invention, the fault protection is increased, however, the single cold start node for both channels is replaced by two separate cold start nodes. The invention describes how both cold start nodes can come to an “agreement”, during carrying out the cold start process, thereby ensuring that said cold start takes place substantially simultaneously on both channels.

[0020] The object of the invention is also solved by ~~a method as claimed in claim 7~~. By virtue of the fact that each communication controller messages its status to the others, both cold start nodes may quasi come to an “agreement” on the start of the cold start operation.